(d) and (e) There are three defaulters. Premises have been got vacated in all the three cases. In two cases, action for recovery has been initiated and in one case, legal action has been taken.

Review of Textile Policy

1641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textile Policy announced on June 6, 1985 has severely hit the interests of farmers and consumers; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the policy to safeguard the interests of farmers and consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have been assessing from time to the impact of the Textile Policy announced in 1985.

1642. [*Transferred from the* 18 *March* 1987].

Concessions to Producers of Cloth

1643. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of (i) cotton cloth; (ii) non-cotton cloth and (iii) mixed variety of cloth, in the country; and

(b) what is the amount of concessions being given to producers of each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The per capita consumption of cloth during 1985 and 1986 is as under:—

Per Capita consumption of cloth in metres

(*Provisional*)

	1985	1986
Cotton cloth	10·788	10·413
Blended cloth	2·443	2·994
100% Non-cotton Cloth	2.222	2·376
	15·453	15·78

(b) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

In consonance of new Textile Policy announced in June, 1985, excise duty was reduced with effect from 28-2-85 on the following items :—

Sl. No.	Description	Prior to 28-8-85	From 28-8-85
1	Polyseter staple Fibre	45·00KG	25·00KG
2	Acrylic Staple Fibre	17·50KG	40·00KG
3	Polyester/Cotton Blended Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	5·00KG	2·00KG
4	Polyester/Viscose Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	10·00KG	4·00KG
5	Ramie and Polyester Staple Fibre Yarn in which proportion of polyester staple fibre is more than 40% by weight of the total fibre content not containing any other textile material	8·00KG	4·ppKG
6	Cotton fabrics containing more than 40% of polyester staple fibre and also containing Ramie and manmade cellulosic fibre but not containing polyester filament yarn for value upto Rs. 25/ per sq. mtr.	13·20%	5·00%
7	For value above Rs. 25/- per Sq. Mtrs.	13·20%	5% plus Rs. 2 Sq. Mtrs.

The Polyster Staple Fibre is fully exempted from excise duty if intended for use for the manufacture of low price fabric, subject to the conditions prescribed in central excise Notification No. 191/85, dated 28-8-85. The Polyester staple fibre is exempted from whole of the additional duty, when imported into India for the manufacture of low price fabrics subject to the conditions prescribed in customs Notification No. 276/85. dated 28/8/85.

In the Budget of 1986-87 duty concession was partially withdrawn on polyester/cotton and polyester/viscose blended yarn as follows:—

Sl. No.	Description	Prior to 28-2-86	From 1-3-86
		Rs./Kg	Rs./Kg.
1	Polyester/cotton blended (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%) Yarn	2·00	3·41
2	Polyester/Viscose blended yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	4·00	6 82

The polyester staple fibre is fully exempted from excise/additional duty if intended for use for the manufacture of low price woven on handloom subject to conditions prescribed in Customs Notifications.

The specific duty of Rs. 15/- P/KG on import of polyester filament yarn was withdrawn with effect from 18-6-86.

In the Budget proposals for 1987-88 following concession were given:—

(i) The excise duty rate on cotton fabrics processed by power processing units have been rationalised. Specific rates in place of *ad valorem* rates have been provided in respect of fabrics of value upto Rs. 25/- per sq. mtr. This rationalisation in general gives a relief in duty.

(ii) The small scale scheme for hand processed fabrics has been liberalised by increasing the full exemption limit from 36 lakh sq. mtr. to 50 lakh sq. mtr. in case of hand processed cotton fabrics.

(iii) Excise duty of Rs. 21.40 per kg. on texturised viscose filament yarn made from duty paid base filament yarn has been fully exempted.

(iv) Excise duty on polyester wool blended yarn has been reduce from Rs. 30 to Rs. 15 per kg.

(v) Excise duty of Rs. 9.43 per kg. on wool tops has been fully exempted.

(vi) Complete exemption limit for excise duty in respect of shoddy woollen fabrics of assessable value not exceeding Rs. 40|- per Sq. Mtr. has been raised to Rs. 60|- per Sq. mtr.

(vii) The scheme of supply of duty free fibre for manufacture of cheap blended fabrics (Sulabh Fabrics) is proposed to be extended for manufacture of sarees.

(viii) Customs Duty of 80 per cent on synthetic rags has been reduced to 30 per cent.

(ix) Customs Duty of 80 per cent on Flax and Ramie Fibre has been reduced to 40 per cent.